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SUBJECT: INVESTMENT OPPORTUNITY: INDUSTRIAL MINING AND DEVELOP-  
MENT BANK (IMDBI)

REF: A. STATE 116780 B. STATE 120379

1. EMBASSY GREATLY APPRECIATES SPEEDY RESPONSE AND FACTUAL  
COMMENT  
REFTELS.

2. FOLLOWING IS AVAILABLE INFORMATION ON PRESENT PRODUCTION OF  
ELECTRICAL FITTINGS IN IRAN. EMBASSY CAUTIONS DEPARTMENT THAT  
THESE ARE BEST GUESSES BY IMDBI SINCE PRESENT PRODUCERS FITTINGS  
NOT RPT NOT JOINT VENTURES WITH IMDBI.  
SWITCHES AND SOCKETS FOR OUTLETS 15 MILLION UNITS  
SWITCHES AND SOCKETS FOR SURFACE MOUNTING 3.6 MILLION UNITS  
BULB HOLDERS 6 MILLION UNITS  
PLUGS 1.5 MILLION UNITS  
DISTRIBUTION BOXES 3.9 MILLION UNITS  
TOTAL 30 MILLION UNITS  
IMPORT STATISTICS ARE NOT BROKEN DOWN IN OFFICIAL DATA AND ARE  
PROBABLY NOT COMPLETE. ACCORDING TO OFFICIAL DATA 3 MILLION UNITS OF  
ALL TYPES IMPORTED. IMDBI SOURCES CALCULATE THAT AT LEAST ANOTHER  
15 MILLION AND PERHAPS MORE ARE IMPORTED UNDER DIFFERENT TARIFF  
HEADINGS.

4. CONCERNING PARAGRAPH 3, REFTTEL B, IRAN'S POWER SYSTEM IN RESI-  
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DENTIAL HOMES IS 220 VOLTS, 50 CYCLE, SINGLE PHASE. MOTORS USED IN HOMES VARY WITH GROWING AFFLUENCE ESPECIALLY IN MAJOR CITIES. IRANIAN USAGE AT UPPER END OF INCOME SPECTRUM APPROACHES AMERICAN CONSUMPTION. WIRING STANDARDS USED IN IRAN ARE WOEFULLY UNEVEN ESPECIALLY IN RESIDENTIAL HOUSING.

5. MAJOR PURPOSE OF IMDBI PROJECT IS TO DEVELOP IMPROVED STANDARDS OF FITTING AND WIRING FOR PRESENT CONSTRUCTION INDUSTRY.

6. IMDBI ESPECIALLY INTERESTED IN ANY PRELIMINARY JUDGMENTS CONCERNING OPTIMUHEBIZE OF PLANT TO SERVICE IRANIAN MARKET. THERE ALSO EXISTS AN EXPORT MARKET IN THE SURROUNDING REGION WHICH COULD BE DEVELOPED IF IRANIAN PRODUCTION IS COMPETITIVELY PRICED. IMDBI STRONGLY PREFERS AN AMERICAN PARTNER FOR THIS PROJECT SINCE THEY CONSIDER AMERICAN STANDARDS OF QUALITY AND DURABILITY SUPERIOR TO THE OTHERS IN THIS LINE OF PRODUCTION.  
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